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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 30 January 1956

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Amory, Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Bissell, Sheldon, Gen. Truscott, Mr. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that the Commercial Club of Chicago had offered a \$350.00 honorarium for his talk on "A Cold War Balance Sheet" and he had advised that while he did not personally accept money for talks he made, if the Club so desired they could make a contribution to The Public Service Aide Society. ACTION:

IG to draft a letter for DCI's signature to [REDACTED] giving him the details as to how this should be handled.

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b. Asked General Truscott if he had any objection to serving as a liaison officer between CIA and Gov. Stassen's Committee on Disarmament, noting that this would not interfere with our regularly established channel of communication to the Committee. General Truscott indicated he would be happy to do so.

c. Reported that during his briefing of the Subcommittee of the House Armed Service Committee on 28 January he had mentioned the problems encountered in obtaining and keeping good personnel in view of the fact that so far we had been strictly adhering to the rates of pay as designated by the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Dulles said that Chairman Vinson and several members of his committee had commented that since the DCI has the authority by law to establish rates of pay he should do so. ACTION: DD/S to look into our personnel structure and see what might be worked out in establishing higher rates of pay for selected positions.

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d. Noted he had not seen any high level disseminations recently and said when we start a project, e.g., brainwashing, we should keep one eye cocked toward producing information that might be included in this category and in fact of interest to friendly foreign intelligence agencies. Mr. Kirkpatrick undertook to have Mr. [REDACTED] look into this matter.

e. Directed that in the future we assign cryptos or use some other method in cables when large sums of money are mentioned. Mr. Helms said this was already in effect.

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f. Referred to Col. [] replacement and asked why it would not be feasible to designate a Naval officer in view of our close association with [] and his staff. Mr. Helms said this had been considered, however, we did not have a qualified officer on board with sufficient rank. The Director said in any event he would like to check by cable with [] and insure that [] replacement is acceptable. ACTION: Mr. Helms.

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h. Asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to [] prepare a letter to Senator Saltonstall outlining procedures followed in clearing personnel for employment by CIA, pointing up the fact that the FBI had the responsibility for clearing our people, turned it back to us, had been requested again to perform this function and refused to do so due to lack of personnel. Mr. Helms suggested that the same letter be also sent to Senator Russell and Congressman Vinson since they too had asked from time to time why the FBI does not initially investigate prospective CIA employees. (In connection with this, see the Director's memorandum of conversation with Senator Saltonstall.)

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Mr. Amory:

a. Referred to the proposed emergency exercise to be carried out [] on 1 February and said he had been advised by Mr. [] that ODM was adamant that we stick to this date. Mr. Amory said therefore if we should have snow on that day as predicted there was a possibility that some of our people using their own private vehicles might have an accident and thereby claim damages against the government. Col. White remarked that we are not restricted to the 1 February date. Mr. Dulles made clear that he did not wish anyone to go [] whom he might need to call on for assistance during the time Sir Anthony Eden is here. Note: CIA was requested to conduct the above exercise by ODM and it was decided that those officers who did not participate last summer would attend this one.

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b. Reminded the Director he wished to call Herbert Hoover, Jr. and ask him to designate a representative from the Department of State to discuss the scientific attache program with our people. The Director said he would do this.

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Col. White:

a. Reported that as a result of CIA's consolidated charities drive our people had designated \$7,000 to the Red Cross as opposed to \$19,000 collected last year and we had no alternative but to make this allotment as indicated. However, he would explore the possibility of adding to the Red Cross fund money collected for which the donors had not specified a particular charity. Mr. Sheldon suggested that it might help the Red Cross next year if we published to our people the sums given to the various charities in this year's drive. Col. White also noted our people had designated \$7300 to the Polio Fund as opposed to \$1200 collected last year. However, at the present time we find ourselves in the peculiar position of not being able to give anything to the Polio Fund since that Fund has refused to accept donations collected in a consolidated drive -- Col. White is also trying to solve this problem.

b. Referred to a cable from Amb. Willauer and said arrangements would be made to assist [] as requested therein.

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c. Raised the question as to whether or not we should call on Senator Neeley in connection with the new building site and after some discussion it was agreed that Col. White would call the Senator's office and offer to make available any information on this problem that Senator Neeley might require.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Reported he had been advised by Pat Coyne of the NSC Staff that Messrs. Macy, Hamilton and Perry of the Bureau of the Budget, who hold CIA clearances, will be allowed to read the classified portion of the Clark Committee report. Mr. Kirkpatrick said he had reminded Mr. Coyne that CIA has not yet had the opportunity to read the full report even though those parts pertaining to other US government intelligence agencies make reference to CIA, and in fact some of the recommendations contained therein have a direct bearing on our activities.

Mr. Helms asked the Director if he wished to send a brief note to Gen. Sinclair commending [] for his good work with CIA during his tour in Washington. The Director said he did. ACTION: Mr. Helms.

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Mr. Sheldon:

Referred to the appointment of [] and recommended that action concerning a certain program at NSA be stepped up.

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The Director agreed and also asked Mr. [] to cancel Mr. [] and [] consultant contracts with CIA in light of their appointments as []

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